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# UNION LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA.

## FUNDAMENTAL ARTICLES.

The undersigned agree to associate under the name of "THE UNION LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA," and to adopt the following fundamental Articles of Association, to wit:

1. The condition of membership shall be unqualified loyalty to the Government of the United States, and unwavering support of its efforts for the suppression of the Rebellion.

2. The primary object of the Association shall be to discountenance and rebuke, by moral and social influences, all disloyalty to the Federal Government; and to that end the associators will use every proper means, in public and private.

3. To meet the necessary expenditu for house rent, furniture, subscriptions newspapers and periodicals, and such thin as may be found necessary for the use the League, each associator shall pay entrance fee of Twenty-five dollars, and annual tax of the same amount.

4. No cards, billiards, or other gam except chess, shall be allowed in the Hou and no spirituous liquors shall be kept sold therein.

5. There shall be a Standing Committ consisting of nine members, who shall ha a general supervision of the concerns of t League, and who shall be appointed an ally at a meeting of the League, in su manner as the meeting may decide.

6. The Standing Committee shall prep such by-laws as may be necessary to sec a proper and orderly administration of affairs of the League, which shall be subj to such amendments, from time to time, the majority of the Association may direc

*Philadelphia, Dec.* 27, 1862.

# BY-LAWS.

## OF OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

1. The affairs of the League shall be managed by a Standing Committee, or Board of Direction, consisting of the President, four Vice-Presidents, and nine Directors, who shall be elected at the annual meeting in December in every year, except in the cases hereinafter provided, and they shall serve until a new Board be regularly elected.

2. The President and Vice-Presidents of the League shall be *ex-officio* Directors, and one of them shall be the presiding officer of the Board.

3. If the office of President or a Vice-President become vacant, the Board shall call a special meeting of the League to fill the vacancy. If other vacancies occur in the Board, the

remaining Directors shall choose members of the League to fill the said vacancies until the next election.

4. The Board shall appoint from the Directors, a Treasurer and a Secretary, who shall perform their duties subject to its control.

5. The Board of Direction shall have and exercise a general superintendence of the affairs of the League; shall control and manage its property and effects, and enforce the preservation of order and obedience to the rules. It shall make all necessary purchases and contracts, but shall have no power to make the League liable for any debt to an amount beyond that, which, at the time of contracting the same, shall be in the Treasurer's hands in cash, and not subject to prior liabilities.

6. The Board of Direction, of which five shall be a quorum, shall meet at least once in every month for the transaction of business. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the proceedings, and also of all other matters which may concern the League.

7. The Treasurer shall give security in a sum of not less than ten thousand dollars, to be approved by the Board, for the faithful custody and application of the funds of the League, and the security may be increased at the option of the Board. He shall exhibit his account at the annual meeting, and present a copy thereof to the Auditors. And the Board shall have power to remove him for misconduct in the affairs of his office.

OF MEETINGS.

8. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the second Monday in December, at 8 o'clock P. M.

9. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by two-thirds of the members present, and a plurality of votes shall be sufficient to elect.

10. At every annual meeting, the Board shall report its proceedings and recommend such measures as it may deem advisable. The Treasurer shall make his report of the finances of the

League, as presented to the Auditors, together with a supplemental statement to the date of the meeting.

11. At every annual meeting three Auditors shall be appointed, to serve for twelve months, or until new Auditors be regularly chosen. The duty of the said Auditors shall be, to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer and to present their report thereof to the next annnal meeting They shall have power to fill vacancies in their number, and two of them shall be a quorum.

12. At the meetings of the League after organization, the order of business, so far as the nature and character of the meeting may admit, shall be as follows:

1. Reading the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Report of the Board of Direction.
3. Report of the Treasurer.
4. Report of the Auditors thereon.
5. The appointment of Auditors.
6. New business.

**Provided, that this order of business may be, on motion, changed by a majority of the meeting.**

13. A notice of every meeting of the League shall be posted on the notice-board at least ten days before the time assigned for such meeting, except in the cases of special meetings called by the Board upon some emergency.

14. It shall be the duty of the Board to call a special meeting of the League, upon the written request of twenty-five members; and such a meeting may also be called whenever the Board may deem it expedient.

15. The notice of a special meeting shall specify the time, and also the purpose, for which it may be called; and such meeting shall not consider, or take action on, any matter other than that specified in the said notice.

16. At any meeting of the League for action on the conduct of a member which may involve his expulsion, or for an alteration of the By-Laws, one-fourth of the whole number of mem-

bers of the League shall be a quorum. For the transaction of any other business, thirty members shall be a quorum.

17. No stranger shall be present at any meeting of the League.

18. Propositions foreign to the objects of the League shall not be discussed at any of its meetings.

19. A motion involving the expulsion of a member shall be decided by ballot, and the decision of a majority shall be final.

20. Proxies shall not be permitted.

### OF MEMBERS.

21. No member shall receive any profit, salary, or emolument from the funds of the League.

22. No member shall give any money or gratuity to a servant of the League.

23. No member shall leave the house without settling his bill with the Steward.

24. All resignations shall be made in writing to the Board of Direction, prior to the first of December, and if made subsequent thereto, shall not discharge the member presenting it from his tax for the current year; and all interest in the property of the League, of members resigning or otherwise ceasing to be members, shall be vested in the League.

## ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

25. A candidate for membership shall be proposed by a member, who, in a book set apart for the purpose, shall register the candidate's name and residence, and shall add the date of such registry and his own signature.

26. The President shall appoint an Election Committee, consisting of thirteen members of the League, who shall examine the Candidate's register once in every week, and report to the President or a Vice-President the names of all

candidates whom they may think proper to recommend for admission, and the President, or a Vice-President, shall present the same to the Board of Direction. If no sufficient cause be shown to the Board against the admission of a candidate recommended by the Committee, he shall be received as a member on signing the Articles of Association, and paying to the Treasurer his entrance fee and tax for the current year. *Provided*, that new members admitted within six months of the expiration of the year, shall not be required to pay more than one-half the tax for such year.

### OF STRANGERS.

27. A member may introduce a stranger to the League, and shall thereon register in a book to be kept for that purpose, the name and residence of such stranger, and the date of such introduction, to all which the said member shall affix his own name; and he shall also, when convenient, present the stranger to one or more of the Board.

28. Such introduction shall not confer any right of re-entrance; but the Board of Direction may, at discretion, give a written invitation to any stranger, which shall entitle him to visit the League House for one month.

29. Residents of the City of Philadelphia, not being members, shall not be admitted to the League more than once, save to an entertainment given in a private room, when the number of such residents shall not exceed one-fourth of the company present. *Provided*, that the Board may, at any time in its discretion, suspend the operation of this by-law until action upon the subject by the League.

30. No guest shall give an entertainment in the League House.

31. No stranger or visitor shall give any gratuity to a servant of the League.

32. On any infraction of the above By-Laws, the Board shall notify the offender, through his introducer, that he can no longer enjoy the privileges of the League.

OF EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.

33. If the conduct of a member be diso
or injurious to the interests of the Leag
contrary to its By-Laws; or if, by his a
conversation, he shall manifest a spirit c
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the Board shall inform him thereof in wi
and if the nature of the offence require it
request him to resign.

34. Should such information or reque
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which due notice shall be given to the offe
member.

35. At such meeting the circumstan
the case shall be considered, and the m
may be expelled.

36. The annual tax shall be paid on or
the first Monday in March in every yea
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member *ipso facto: Provided*, that upon his written application and the payment of all dues to the date thereof, the Board in its discretion, and upon such terms as it may think necessary, may remit the penalty of this by-law; of all which the Secretary shall make a minute: *And provided further*, that this by-law shall not apply to the case of a resident member who may be ill or absent from the City of Philadelphia.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

37. The House shall be open for the reception of members every day, except Sundays.

38. No person shall be admitted into the League House who does not give his unwavering support to the Government, in its efforts to suppress the rebellion; and if any such person be knowingly introduced by a member of the League, such member may be expelled for the offence by the Board of Direction.

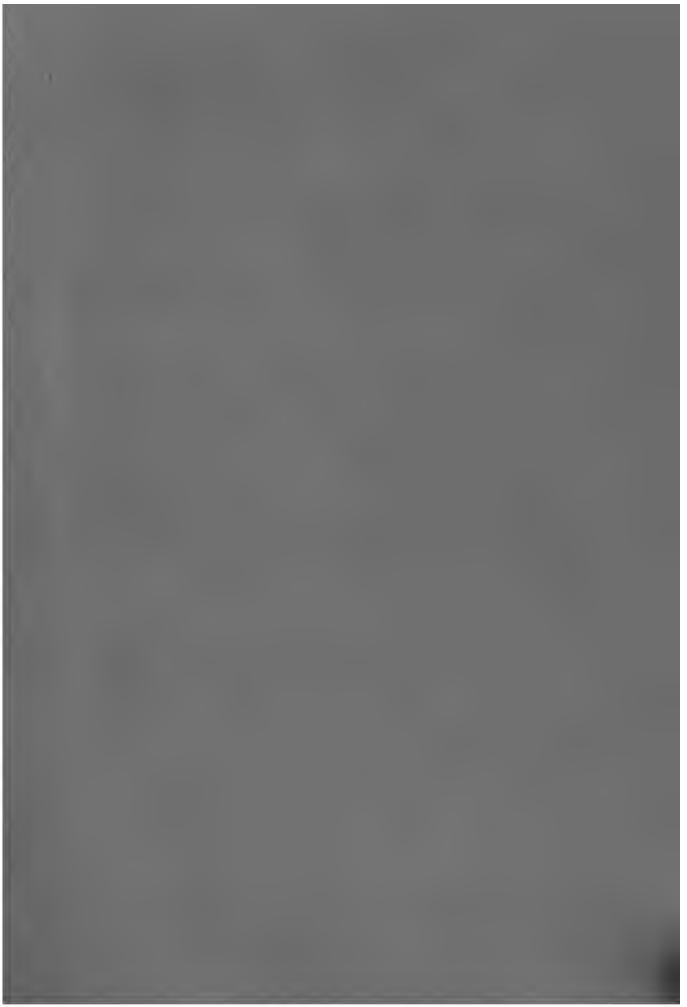
39. Dogs shall not be allowed in the League House, or on the premises.

40. No person shall take from the League House a newspaper, pamphlet, book, or other article, the property of the League, nor mutilate, deface, nor destroy the same.

41. Books, pamphlets, or newspapers shall not be removed from the reading and drawing rooms.

42. A by-law of the League may be amended, or a new by-law made, at the annual meeting, the proposer having posted upon the notice-board the words of the proposed alteration for at least thirty days immediately preceding the said meeting, when, if a majority of two-thirds shall vote in favor of the proposed alteration, it shall be adopted.

43. Smoking shall be permitted only in such rooms as may be designated by the Board.



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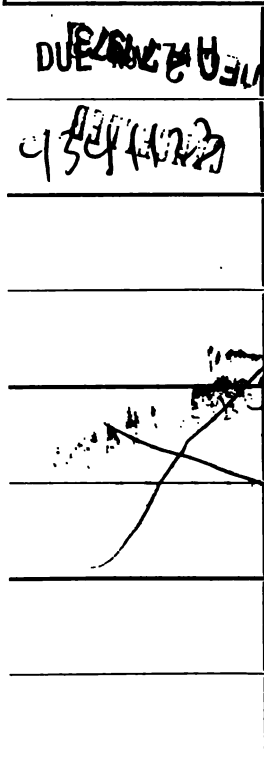

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